# - GET READY FOR-BIKE TO WORK DAY May 19, 2017







## **OBJECTIVE**

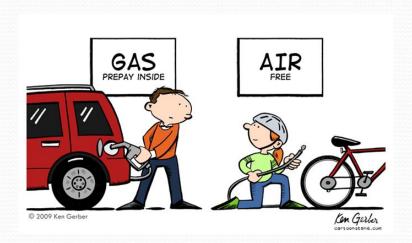
- Explain the benefits for riding your bicycle to work
- List what you need for your ride
- Describe what to do when you arrive at NOAA





### WHY RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK?

- Can be faster than walking, transit or motor vehicles
- Saves money: save on the cost of gas, insurance, maintenance, parking, etc.
- Cheaper parking!





### WHY RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK?

- It's fun and can make you happy!
  - Is your commute fun??
- Great low impact exercise for your body
  - Burn as many calories as jogging without the impact!
- Low impact on the environment





### WHAT DO YOU NEED?

- A working bike!
- Remember "A-B-C Quick Check"
  - A is for Air in your tires
  - B is for Brakes make sure they are working
  - C is for Chain clean and lubed
  - Quick Check is for your quick releases on wheels and seat – make sure they're tight





### **RULES OF THE ROAD**

#### On the Road

- Obey traffic signs, signals, and other traffic devices
- Ride same direction as motor vehicles, near to the right side of the roadway as practicable
  - Take the lane when needed
- Use standard arm signals to alert others of lane changes and turns
- Stop for school buses when flashing
- Yield to pedestrians





### **RULES OF THE ROAD**

#### On the Bike

- Wear a helmet (required for those under 16 y.o.)
- Equip your bike:
  - Front and rear lamps and reflectors (or rear red light)
    - Required when insufficient light or inclement weather.
  - Brakes
  - A bell or horn (allowed in MD, not required)





### WHAT TO BRING

- Wear reflective clothing or bright colors (better to be seen)
- Ride in your work clothes if you live close enough
- Carry a change of clothes
  - Backpack
  - Panniers on a rear rack
- Bring a good lock
- Find what works best for you and your ride!





NOAA Bike Team

# **TEST YOUR RIDE**

- Not sure of your route?
  - Try it this weekend, when traffic is light and you are not so pressed for time.



### **NOW WHAT?**

### You got here, now where do you go?

- Parking your bike:
  - SSMC1 garage bike racks.
    - A valid SSMC Federal ID required.
  - SSMC3 G2 lockers (assigned) and M1 and PL bike racks.
- Locking your bike:
  - Primary: U-lock
  - Secondary: Cable lock



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- Cleaning up:
  - SSMC1 Runner's locker room
  - SSMC3 NOAA Fitness Center
    - Membership required
    - Free access for bike commuters
      - On Bike to Work Day (May 19)
      - Initiation fee waived



### **REVIEW**

- Benefits
  - Exercise
  - Cheaper parking
  - Low impact
  - Fun!
- Needs
  - A bike & helmet
  - A lock
  - Bag or pack
- Upon arrival at NOAA
  - Parking/lock your bike!



### **CONGRATULATIONS!** Now go ride!



Register at: <a href="http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/">http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/</a>
Join us: Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

SSMC3, Room 1311-b, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

